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***To Kill a Mockingbird* Essay Rubric**

**Focus \_\_/10**

* Paper consistently adheres to the topic and maintains focus..
* All examples / supporting details used further the paper’s

central idea (C.I.).

* Paper does not wander or stray from task / topic at hand.

**Content \_\_/20**

* Author uses explicit details / examples to support ideas and C.I.
* All examples / details are **fully** developed.
* Author utilizes accurate **supporting quotations** to build

argument.

* Quotations logically support arguments
* Quotations are introduced and cited correctly

**Organization \_\_/20**

* Introduction contains a lead-in, a clear, well-developed

central idea/ thesis statement.

* Body paragraphs contain topic sentences, sufficient

supporting details, and clincher sentences.

* Conclusion summarizes information presented in C.I. / thesis

and draws further relevance / significance from the argument.

* Transitional devices are used both throughout and between

paragraphs.

**Conventions/ Format \_\_/20**

* Paper is free of grammatical, spelling, and mechanical errors.
* Quotations within paper utilize proper MLA citation format.
* Paper is correctly formatted:
  + Double-spaced
  + 12 font
  + 1” margins
  + Header in upper left-hand corner
  + Title
* Paper is at least 2 pages in length
* Works cited page is included with MLA documentation style

**Style \_\_/10**

* Paper displays sophisticated sentence structure

(i.e. complex / compound-complex sentences are prevalent

throughout paper).

* Paper utilizes elevated diction / vocabulary correctly so as to

avoid awkwardness.

* Sentences and paragraphs flow nicely as a result of word

choices / sentence structures.

**TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_\_/80**